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1. BRANIFF ACCOUNT OF JAN 26 LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AT RESIDENCE SEEMS TO HAVE REACHED THE DEPARTMENT IN GARBLED FROM. BRANIFF'S LOCAL MANAGER, WHO WAS PRESENT ALONG WITH OTHER U.S. BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES AND EMBOFFS, WAS ASKED BY THE AMBASSADOR TO EXPLAIN QUOTA PROBLEM TO GUEST OF HONOR, MARTINEZ DE HOZ. WHEN MARTINEZ DE HOZ OBSERVED THAT ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION U.S. IMPOSES RESTRICTIONS ON MEXICO-L.A. LEG OF AEROLINEAS ARGENTINA ROUTE, ECOM COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT TRAFFIC RIGHTS AT MEXICO ARE DENIED AA BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND NOT BY THE U.S., ADDING THAT U.S. DOES NOT RESTRICT FIFTH FREEDOM OPERATIONS OF AA AT ALL. MEMCOM WAS PREPARED FOLLOWING THE LUNCHEON WHICH HAS BEEN POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

2. QUESTION OF BRANIFF QUOTAS CAME UP AGAIN AT A LUNCHEON FEB 10 GIVEN BY BOEING REPRE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SENTATIVE IN AMBASSADOR'S HONOR AND ATTENDED BY AEROLINEAS ARGENTINA PRESIDENT, GENERAL SAN JUAN AND GENERAL MANAGER, PELLIGRINI. LATTER REMARKED THAT AA WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE U.S. MARKET FROM MEXICO, CANADA AND THE CARIBBEAN WITH QUOTAS. HE DISPLAYED NO DISPOTION TO

BACK DOWN ON THIS ISSUE. ON GENERAL BILATERAL, SAN JUAN SAID THAT HE WOULD WELCOME THE CONTINUANCE OF LAST YEAR'S NEGOTIATIONS, POINTING OUT THAT AA HAS MORE TO GAIN FROM AN AGREEMENT THAN DOES THE U.S. PELLIGRINI REMARKED THAT BOTH ARGENTINA AND THE U.S. ARE MOVING AWAY FROM PAST POSITIONS FIXED BY THEIR CONFLICTING AVIATION DOCTRINES AND THAT THE TIME MAY BE RIGHT FOR A PRAGMATIC SOLUTION.

3. AS FOR PARA. 4, REF (B), HIGHEST COMPANY AND GOA LEVELS HERE ARE AWARE THAT CAB SHOW CAUSE ORDER APPEARS LIKELY. HILL

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